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IN THE FRENCH chamber of deputies the fist is mightier than the sword.

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THE FREEDOM of the press is not as dangerous as that of some of our law-makers.

WITH TWO REPUBLICANS in the national senate from Maryland it does seem as if the war was over.

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THE SOUTHERN SLAVE had a pretty good time of it. His owner couldn't afford to kill him by starvation and overwork.

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WE HOPE Mr. Ellsworth hasn't concluded that because some newspapers are bad all newspapers must be prohibited.

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CONVICT LABOR ought to give us good roads. There is no other proper use for it and there is no proper objection to it.

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CHICAGO does not call her police the finest, but they are apparently more accomplished as highway robbers than those of any other town.

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A TEXAS PAPER says Mr. Bryan is not worrying about a running mate in nineteen hundred. Why, of course not. His chief trouble relates to the other horse.

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IT WILL be news to most persons that there is a Lord Henry Somerset. Not only that, but his wife counts him among her charities and gives him two thousand pounds every year.

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A CLERGYMAN says dancing must be wrong because women prefer to dance with men and men with women. If anybody favors dancing after that he must be lost to the power of all argument.

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CERTAIN PERSONS of North Carolina carry goat-whiskers in their pockets as a preventive of small-pox. It is a clear matter of superstition, and the persons of that ignorance are too happy to be pitied.

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MR. DONNELLY says he is proud that a lady of twenty-one should see enough in him at sixty-six to be willing to marry him. Very well; let us see whether she will cipher him some time after the ceremony.

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NANSEN COMPLAINS that some of the newspapers have caricatured him. Dear soul! if he is tender against the means to his success like that it seems impossible that he could have endured the perils of the frozen regions.

A CHANGE IN THE BILL-OF-FARE.

WARDEN (*to prisoner about to be electrocuted*)—"Hurry up, my man, and eat your dinner. You will be taken to the electric chair as soon as you have finished."

JERRY THE THUG (*disconsolately*)—"Well, I've et menny a dinner dat finished wid nuts an' raisins; but dis is de first one dat ever ended wid alternatin' currents."

THE OLD FIGHT OVER AGAIN.

THE VOTE on the Teller resolution shows that the Republicans are solid for sound money, while the Democrats are practically solid for silver. If there are changes it will not be on the Republican side, while the Democrats will grow stronger for silver and the Chicago platform will become the foundation of the party in the next national election.

MASTER AND SLAVE.

HARD WORK enables a woman weaver in New Bedford to earn six dollars a week, but her employers reduce that to three dollars by fines. A little further reduction might not only wipe out the balance but oblige the woman to pay the employers a considerable weekly sum. Let us consider therefore how generous the employers are and how conservatively they use their power for tyranny.

THE NEW ABBOTTISM.

DEAR OLD DR. ABBOTT is saying such dreadful things! He says dancing is good, with limitations; alcohol is proper, with the same proviso; taste in dress is right, and so as to diamonds; and if the theatre sends you back to life refreshed and invigorated, why go and enjoy yourself. There is a new Beecher in the old man, though he admits that "truth is dangerous; the only thing that is safe is platitude."

BETTER THAN DIVORCING.

A JUDGE of this town says to husbands and wives who want to get divorced, "Separate; live apart for six months and think it over." If that advice were generally followed there wouldn't be one divorce where there are six now. Indeed, the separated would resume relations with such avidity that the reunion would be as good as another honeymoon. One can do a good deal of first-rate thinking under such circumstances in six months.

THE MATTER OF PROPRIETY.

THE LADY TEACHER who dissected a live cat in one of our public schools the other day has resigned, but the children and public sentiment against her are still ill. If vivisection is allowable, there is still a question with regard to its surroundings. It might be well to compromise matters by putting a butcher-shop in every school—that wouldn't shock anybody half as much; but it is not the purpose of teaching to make barbarians of children.

DO WOMEN LAUGH?

"WHY," asks a writer, "do women laugh so much more frequently than men?" The writer is misinformed. They do not laugh. They giggle. They have a superficial understanding of things that ought to be laughed at, and it perishes when the giggle does. A solid, comforting, substantial funny thing that abides with a man for days is to them but the faint tickle of a fancy that dies as soon as it is born and that therefore wishes it hadn't been born at all.

WHAT WE NEED.

THE PRESIDENT is right in his opinion that immigration must be limited. We keep out Chinese and paupers and scoundrels as far as possible; otherwise we should have been swamped by the Chinese millions and this might have been a Bottany-bay for all Europe. "But," say certain newspapers, "we need two hundred millions more inhabitants." That may be, but all that in good time. When a man builds a house he doesn't build it for the population of a town and he isn't mean because he reserves it for his own family. And it is a fact that, while inanimate things are protected, human flesh and blood are largely at the mercy of the world. What we need more than a larger population is a regulation of the mutual interests of labor and capital.

A SAD ERROR.

MRS. GROGAN—"Did yez heerd about the terrible mishtake Mrs. Phelan made? She hod her little bye christened George Washington, thinking thot George Washington was a priest."

MRS. HOGAN—"And phat made her think thot?"

MRS. GROGAN—"Whoi, she heard thot he wuz the father of his country."

HE BELONGED TO ONE.

MRS. NEWLYWED—"Do you belong to any secret organization, John?"

MR. NEWLYWED—"Can you keep a secret?"

MRS. NEWLYWED—"Yes."

MR. NEWLYWED—"Then I do."

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JUDGE'S FAVORITES.

MISS JULIE OPP.

"A daughter of the gods, divinely tall,
And most divinely fair," as I recall
The Tennysonian phrase, describes you truly.
A daughter of the muses, too, you are,
In stageland skies a newly-risen star,
Princess Pannonia, Belle—yet always Julie.

THE WAY TO PUT IT.

Hojack—"Have you heard from the baseball grounds?"

Tomdik—"Yes."

Hojack—"Who won, our club or the umpire?"

TREATMENT NECESSARY.

Beth (solicitous that so many feathers are scattered over the hen-yard)—"Papa, ought n' something be done to keep the hens from wearing out so?"

ON THE FARM.

Miss Newly (from the city, suddenly coming upon a flock of chickens)—"I shouldn't think one hen could give milk enough for so many little ones. What do you feed her on, grandpa?"

WHAT WOULD HE HAVE DONE?

'TIS well George didn't live to-day,
With yellow journals by,
For sadly would they take him in;
He couldn't tell a lie.

TO RAISE THE PRICE OF PRODUCE.

Distinguished statesman—"The American people, I am afraid, are losing interest in the tariff and silver issues. In the next campaign we have got to take some radical and decisive step in order to catch the farmers' vote."

Another statesman—"What would you do to get the farmers' vote?"

Distinguished statesman—"Well, confidentially, I will tell you my plans. I am in favor of coming out emphatically in our next platform in favor of a general European war."

EXPRESSING HER SYMPATHY.

Rachel (watching a squirrel with both cheeks full of corn)—"Poor little thing! He's got mumps on both sides."

EVIDENTLY INCURABLE.

VISITOR (*to insane asylum*)—"That man looks rational."

KEEPER—"Yes, but he is really the craziest one in the whole place; he keeps wanting to see his mother-in-law."

EQUAL TO HIS CRITIC.

MR. THOMAS TOMPKINS—"See hyar, George Washington Jones, ef yo' paw an' maw had er knowed you was agwine ter grow inter sech an onery, lyin' nigger ez you is, they'd never hev desercrated the name of the father of our kintry by namin' you atter him."

GEORGE WASHINGTON JONES—"What you kickin' 'bout? Ez long ez yo' paw an' maw didn't make no sech mistake when dey was namin' you, you orter be satisfied."

LESS NOISY.

UNCLE SILAS (*viewing the New York stock exchange*)—"Gosh! It must actually be a relief to them fellers to go home."

A BUSINESS GOLCONDA.

PIETRO (*the grinder*)—"You betta your-a life me no go-a to da Klondike while dere is da Thompson street in New York."

FROM ANOTHER'S POINT OF VIEW.

Dolly Swift — "Miss Thirtysmith was beside herself last night."

Sally Gay — "I hope she took the opportunity to stand off and see how ridiculous she looked."

THE JURY'S VERDICT.

Cumso—"Why didn't the art jury hang that canvas of Brown's?"

Cawker — "The jury decided that hanging was too good for it."

THE GOOD-RESOLUTIONS CLUB.

ETHEL—"I hear all you fellows who swore off drinking on the first of January have formed a club."

HAROLD—"Yes; the first one to drink a glass of beer is to get ten dollars. We want somebody to break the ice for us."

NOT TO BLAME.

MR. JANGLE—"Didn't I tell you I wanted my eggs soft-boiled?"

THE KITCHEN LOIDY—"Shure an' it ain't me fault. I had soft water."

A NEW BRAND.

Hostess (politely) —"And will you have a little light wine, Dorothy?"

Dorothy (quietly)—"No, I thank you. Mamma doesn't allow me to drink spiritual liquors."

NOT SO BAD.

1. LITTLE WILLIE—"It must be awful to be an orphan like you, Jimmy."

2. JIMMY—"Oh, I don't know!"

HORSE SENSE.

I.

NOT BY HEAT.

AT last the frost came and Bennie's search for chestnuts was rewarded. Rushing into the house with a handful of cracked-open burrs, he exclaimed, "They're hatched, mamma, they're hatched!"

A NEW OCCUPATION.

Dorothy (seeing the hens at roost in a tree) —"Grandpa, look quick! Somebody's washed the hens and hung them out to dry."

WHERE THEY THRIVED.

ETHEL—"You don't see many George Washingtons now-a-days."
PERCY—"No, unless you go down into Thompson street."

SHE COULD SYMPATHIZE.

Little Mary Prim (to neighbor whose baby has recently died)—"I do pity you, Mrs. Bates; I know just how you feel, for I lost a little brother once."

Mrs. Bates — "Why, when did he die? I don't remember it."

Little Mary Prim— "Oh, several years before I was born, but mamma has told me all about it."

II.

CAUSE AND EFFECT.

Philosopher—"I shall never regret that I was once an industrious man."

Friend—"Because you feathered your nest, I suppose."

Philosopher—"No. It is because the memory of my past industry enables me to thoroughly enjoy my present laziness."

THE MYSTERY EXPLAINED.

Husband—"But, Nelly, how is it they afford to sell you everything at less than cost?"

Wife—Why, Dick, of course they can afford it when they sell such quantities."

THE KID—"I wonder if that spider thinks he can make a bicycle out of my hoop!"

III.

AN INCONSIDERATE MAN.

Bagley—"I say, Bailey, how about that ten?"

Bailey — "Oh, you wouldn't strike a man for money just before his vacation, would you?"

(Three weeks later.)

Bagley—"Well, Bailey, have you got that ten?"

Bailey — "Oh, I say, Bagley, just after my vacation!"

IT MAY COME TO THIS.

First enthusiastic bicyclist — "I ran into a pedestrian this afternoon and knocked him down."

Second enthusiastic bicyclist — "What was the matter; wasn't he ringing his bell?"

IV.

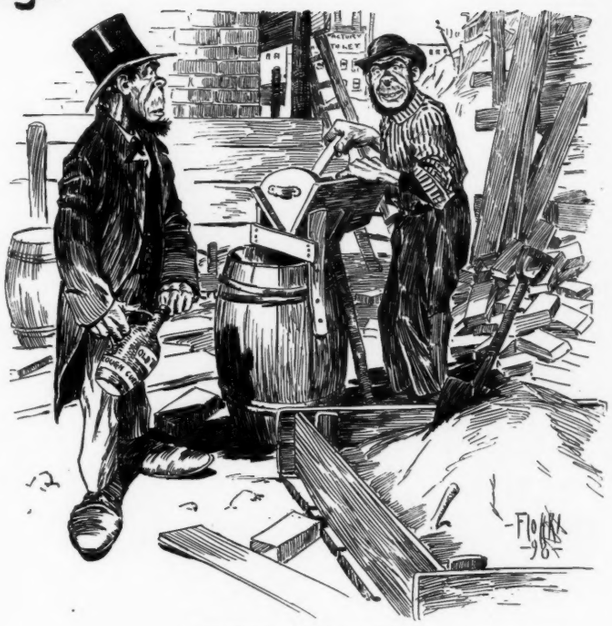
JUDGE'S FABLES.

THE PNEUMATIC FROG.

"OH, PAPA!" said a little frog to his sire, who sat beside him at the banks of the pool, "I have seen such a monster! It was as big as a house, and had hoofs, horns, and a long tail." "Tut, tut, son—tut! That was only Farmer Greene's heifer. It isn't so large, either. It may be just a trifle taller than I, but I can easily make myself quite as broad;" and with that he commenced to blow himself out, and blow himself out, and blow himself out. "Was it as big as that?" asked he. "Oh, much bigger," said the young frog. "But have a care, pa; for if you blow yourself like that you may go broke." For the young frog was in fear that the blow would almost kill the father. But again the old one blew himself out and inquired if the heifer was that large. "Larger, papa; larger," was the answer. So the frog took a deep breath until he had inflated himself to the buoyant consistency of a toy-balloon, and the next moment soared off on a prevailing zephyr to an adjacent swamp, while the young frog fell a victim to a pot-hunter's net the next moment.

Moral—Judicious blowing occasionally lands one all right.

W. R. COOK.



A SUPERB AGGRAVATION.

PAT—"So th' docthor said yez hov a frog in yer throat, did he? Well, it's aisy seein' phwat attracted th' riptile intil it."

MIKE—"An' phwat did attract it?"

PAT—"Yer flannel mout'."

A NEW ORDER.

Uncle Frank—"Well, Willie, what did you see at the circus to-day?"

Willie (who was especially pleased with the Shetland ponies)—"Lots and lots of things; but the best were the condensed horses."

WHEN we speak of a delicate situation we usually mean indelicate.

NO PARTICULAR HANKERING.

MRS. FEEDEM—"You probably have a good old father and mother somewhere. Wouldn't you like to see them again before you die?"

FROSTED FERGUSON—"No, lady. I don't mind seein' snakes, rats, monkeys, purple bull-dogs, an' green rhihosnerosces occasionally, but I draws de line on ghosts."

EXACTLY DEFINED.

"TO what church do you belong, my child?" asked a minister of a pretty little girl he met while out walking in the country.

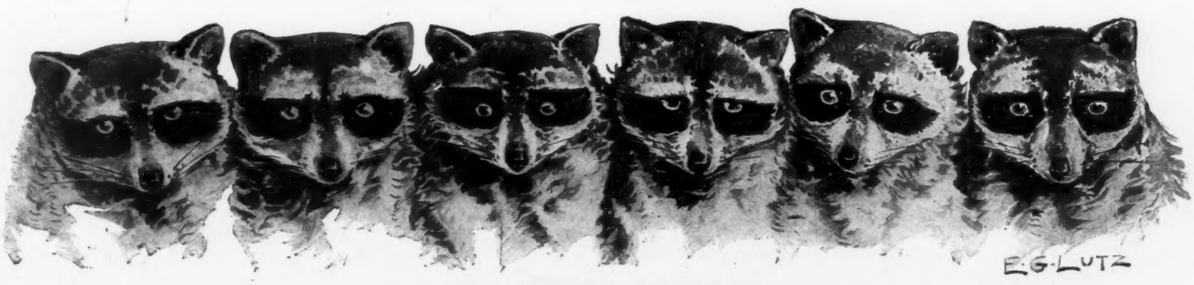
"Oh, I'm a 'Piscopal. Father an' mother an' all the family was born in that church—all 'ceptin' the hired girl, an' she was born in the city."

HE WAS LUCKY.

Mr. Hunker—"I have a speaking acquaintance with Miss Throckmorton."

Mr. Spatts—"You are very lucky. All her other acquaintances are listening acquaintances."

AN insufficient excuse is the crutch of a crippled love.



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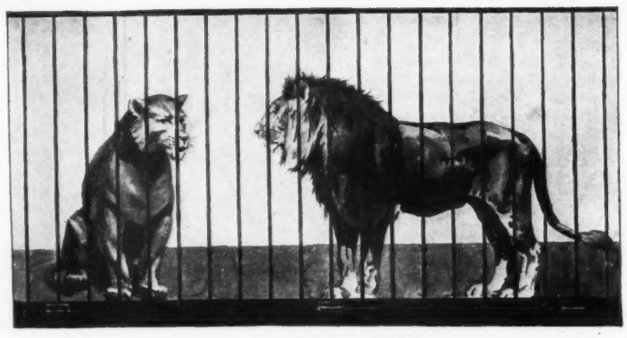
OT IS NOT A HAPPY ONE.

COUNTING THE COST.

"YOU pet yer life dot you nefer caught me going to a mask-ball again," irately cried Mr. Skezolsky as he rushed into the room and slammed around the furniture.

"But, Abie, id didn't cost you noddings," said his wife, at a mollifying venture.

"Oh, id tidin't, tidin't id?" cried he, more exasperated than before. "Vat you call tidin't cost noddings ven a loafer gomes up and announces dot I vins firsd prize in der gompetition for best false nose? Vat you calls id ven anodder von said he dinks I got a horn too much? Vat you calls"— but, as Mrs. Skezolsky, seeing the shape matters were taking, had discreetly submerged her head under the pillows, her husband had naught to do but put out the fire, kick the cat into a closet and retire to bed.



WAS TWISTED BEFORE.

MRS. LION—"Mind you that you don't let your tail hang through the cage-bars to-day, Leo; this is Washington's birthday, and you're very sure to get it twisted."

CHARGE IT TO EMERSON.

WHEN Charley roused his sister's rage
And wed a beauty of the stage
His sister said, with cheeks aglow,
"His aspirations flutter low."

"Oh, no," replied her friend Marie;
"He follows Emerson, you see,
And, vaulting every social bar,
He's 'hitched his wagon to a star.'"

JOHN GOADBY GREGORY.

IN BOSTON.

Teacher—"Now, Ibsen, what can you tell me about Washington and the cherry-tree?"

Ibsen Browning—"I believe, madam, that there is a fictitious report to the effect that the father of his country was instrumental in felling a deciduous plant, but there is no evidence to support the hypothesis."

VERY SIMILAR.

WEARY WILLIE (*who has just found a pint flask of whiskey by the roadside*)—"Gee whiz! Now I know how it feels to be rich."

'OH, WAD SOME POWER!'

PIETRO (*below*)—"Me feela pretta sorra for dose poor Irishmen carrying up dat heavy hod all de day."

PAT (*noting the organ-grinder*)—"Oi fales sorry fer thim poor divils thot hov to lug their heavy organ around all day."

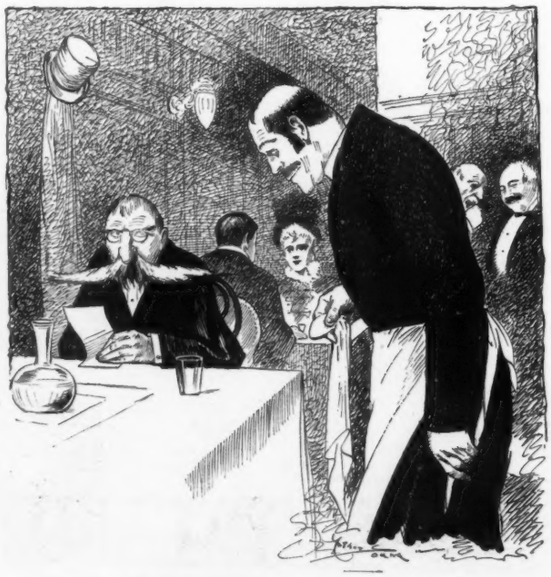
ALAS!

ALTHOUGH to-
lay down law
Would seem fair
woman's forte;
Too oft when we pro-
pose
We find contempt
of court.

THE REASON.

TOMMY regarded Aunt Nell's bishop-sleeves with a good deal of curiosity. Suddenly he turned to his mother and asked, "Is it why her sleeves are so large, mamma, that she may laugh in them?"

A GOOD forgettery is a happier possession than a good memory.



A GOOD JUDGE OF CHARACTER.

WAITER (*looking at man's mustache*)—"Of course you'll have soup, sir?"

Jake Wilson of South Hot Springs, who has not been seen on the streets at night in years, was bumming around the other night. He is laying out because some of his wife's kin are visiting at his house.—*Arkansaw Thomas Cat.*

That New York man who guzzled corrosive sublimate under the impression that it was whiskey carried a disgusting bit of surprise into the hereafter.—*Washington Post.*

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Mark Twain's new book will be called "Roughing It in the Reichsrath."—*Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.*

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Congress is to be asked to improve the Chicago river. If it succeeds in that Augean task it will probably be requested to try its hand on Chicago itself.—*Philadelphia Ledger.*

Rome had her Cæsars, but the great seizers of to-day are to be found operating on China and poor little Corea. Even these may yet find their Brutuses in the strange decrees of fate.—*Boston Globe.*

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"It's too bad they didn't have judges in Adam's time." "Why?" "Think of the trouble he might have saved by getting an injunction to restrain the angel from driving him out of the garden of Eden."—*Chicago News.*

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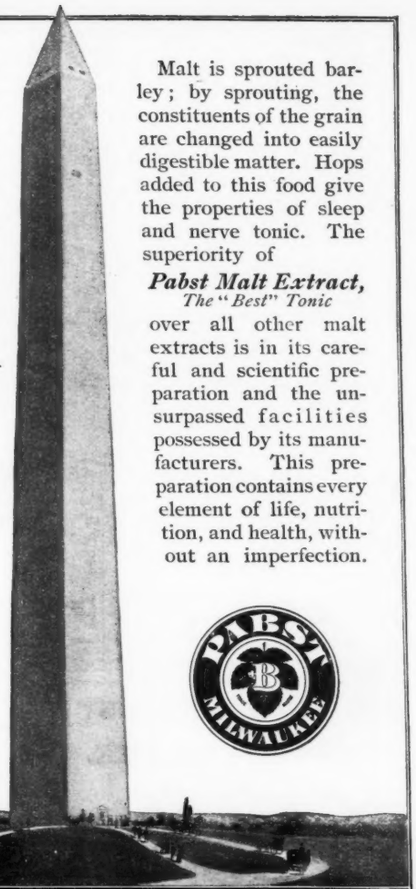

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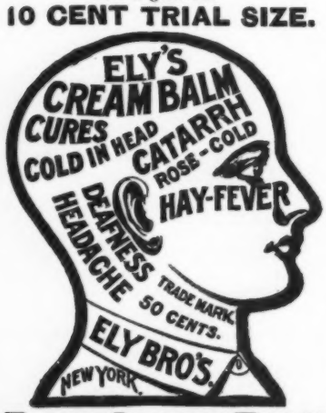

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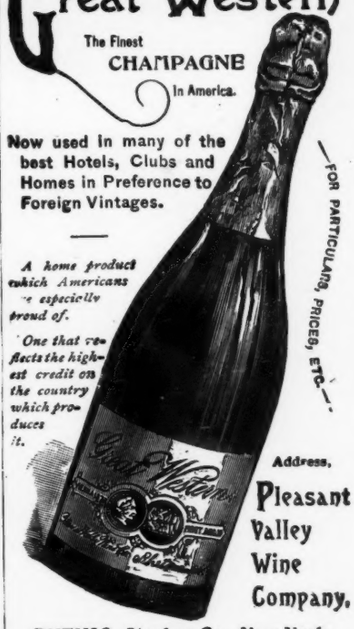

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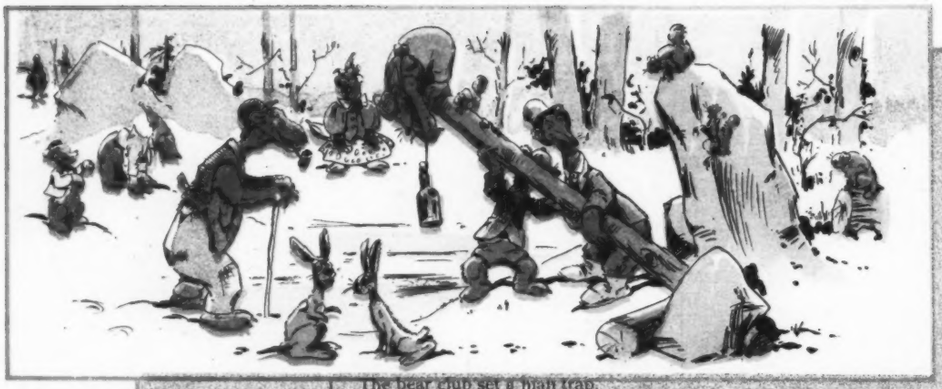

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